

of wildlife or causing any disturbance to the Park.

- (iv) Under the Centrally sponsored Scheme "Control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife and its products", assistance is provided to the State Government of Assam to take effective steps to prevent poaching and illegal trade in wildlife outside the national parks and sanctuaries. Under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, there is a complete ban on hunting of wildlife.
- (v) India is a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) under which international trade in endangered animals like the rhino, tiger, elephant, etc., is prohibited.

Financial assistance from ADB

1140. SHRISHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has recently approved a loan for development of the Railways, especially to augment the carrying capacity and improve efficiency on the Northern Railway and New Delhi and Calcutta route;

(b) if so, the quantum of the loan and the details of the projects to be financed therewith; and

(c) the terms of the loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). ADB recently approved a Loan of \$ 225 million which covers the following:

- (1) Line capacity expansion:
- (i) Electrification of Patratu-Sonnagar Section on Eastern Railway.
- (ii) Construction of an electrified 3rd line on Sonnagar-Mughalsarai section of Eastern Railway.
- (2) Procurement of 5000 high capacity BG bogie wagons (BOXN)
- (3) Procurement of Unit Exchange Spares for Electric Locomotives.

(c) This loan has been extended to Government of India (Ministry of Finance) on standard terms.

Lalitpur-Singrauli Line

1141. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on 17th December, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 4113 regarding Lalitpur-Singrauli line in Madhya Pradesh and state:

(a) the date on which survey for Lalitpur-Singrauli railway line was started; and

(b) the details of the survey work carried out so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Survey work for Lalitpur-Singrauli New railway line has been taken up in April 1990 and it is likely to be completed during 1992-93.

Sanskrit Vidyalayas in the Country

1142. SHRI KRISHNA DUTT SULTANPUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: